GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:81
ANSWERED ON:22.02.2006
DISCONTINUANCE OF DEVELOPMENTAL SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government has taken a decision to discontinue various developmental schemes funded by it during the year 2006-07;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of such schemes alongwith the details of average annual expenditure incurred during last three years under the schemes, Ministry and Department - wise;

(d) whether the State Governments have also been consulted regarding the discontinuance of such schemes;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the reaction of the States in this regard; and

(f) the amount likely to be saved as a result of discontinuance of schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (f) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 81 REGARDING DISCONTINUANCE OF DEVELOPMENTAL SCHEMES BY SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN AND SHRI KISHANBHAI V. PATEL FOR ANSWER ON 22.02.2006

(a) to (f): The decision to discontinue Plan Schemes is taken on the basis of : (a) Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB) exercise carried out before a Five Year Plan; and (b) interim rationalization of Plan Schemes during the course of the Plan carried out in consultation with the Ministries/ Departments. The Planning Commission had undertaken a review of the existing Plan schemes and subjected them to Zero-based Budgeting, retaining only those schemes in the Tenth Plan that were demonstrably essential. The aim of the exercise was to rationalize the schemes by making them more focused and to streamline the delivery system to ensure that benefits reach the target group. Subsequently, in 2004-05 the Planning Commission also carried out an exercise in consultation with the Union Ministries/ Departments regarding transfer / rationalization / review of the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and communicated them to the Ministries/ Departments. An Expert Group has been set up by the Planning Commission to develop concrete proposals for restructuring the CSS, in pursuance of the decision taken in the 51st meeting of the National Development Council (NDC) held on 27th and 28th June, 2005. The terms of reference of the Group inter-alia include to suggest restructuring and rationalization of CSS. The Planning Commission has decided that a Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB) exercise is to be carried out for carrying forward Plan Schemes into the Eleventh Five Year Plan.